

Sets and Relations

Question1

If $A = \{x : x \text{ is an integer and } x^2 - 9 = 0\}$

$B = \{x : x \text{ is a natural number and } 2 \leq x < 5\}$

$C = \{x : x \text{ is a prime number } \leq 4\}$

Then $(B - C) \cup A$ is,

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Options:

A. $\{-3, 3, 4\}$

B. $\{2, 3, 4\}$

C. $\{3, 4, 5\}$

D. $\{2, 3, 5\}$

Answer: A

Solution:

$$A = \{x : x \text{ is an integer and } x^2 - 9 = 0\}$$

$$x^2 = 9 \Rightarrow x = \pm 3 = \{-3, 3\}$$

$$B = \{x : x \text{ is a natural number and } 2 \leq x < 5\}$$

$$= \{2, 3, 4\}$$

$$C = \{x : x \text{ is a prime number } \leq 4\}$$

$$= \{2, 3\}$$

$$(B - C) \cup A = \{4\} \cup \{-3, 3\} = \{-3, 3, 4\}$$

Question2

A and B are two sets having 3 and 6 elements respectively. Consider the following statements.

Statement (I): Minimum number of elements in $A \cup B$ is 3



Statement (II): Maximum number of elements in AB is 3 Which of the following is correct?

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Options:

- A. Statement (I) is true, statement (II) is false
- B. Statement (1) is false, statement (II) is true
- C. Both statements (1) and (II) are true
- D. Both statements (I) and (II) are false

Answer: B

Solution:

$$|A| = 3$$

$$|B| = 6$$

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$$

$$\min |A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - \max |A \cap B|$$

$$= 3 + 6 - 3 = 6$$

$$|A \cap B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cup B|$$

$$\max |A \cap B| = |A| + |B| - \min |A \cup B|$$

$$= 3 + 6 - 6 = 3$$

Question3

Let $A = \{a, b, c\}$, then the number of equivalence relations on A containing (b, c) is

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Options:

- A. 1
- B. 3
- C. 2
- D. 4

Answer: C

Solution:



To determine the number of equivalence relations on the set $A = \{a, b, c\}$ that include the pair (b, c) , we must ensure the relations satisfy the reflexivity, symmetry, and transitivity properties of equivalence relations.

Given:

Reflexivity requires that every element is related to itself: (a, a) , (b, b) , and (c, c) must be included.

Symmetry necessitates that if (b, c) is included, then (c, b) must also be included.

Transitivity requires that for the inclusion of (b, c) , the set must also consider the relationships between (a, b) , (b, a) , (a, c) , and (c, a) .

There are two potential equivalence relations:

Minimal relation involving (b, c) :

$\{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (b, c), (c, b)\}$

Full equivalence connecting all elements:

$\{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (a, b), (b, a), (a, c), (c, a), (b, c), (c, b)\}$

Thus, there are 2 equivalence relations on A containing (b, c) .

Question4

Consider the following statements :

Statement(I) : The set of all solutions of the linear inequalities $3x + 8 < 17$ and $2x + 8 \geq 12$ are $x < 3$ and $x \geq 2$ respectively.

Statement(II) : The common set of solutions of linear inequalities $3x + 8 < 17$ and $2x + 8 \geq 12$ is $(2, 3)$ Which of the following is true?

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Options:

- A. Statement (I) is true but statement (II) is false
- B. Statement (I) is false but statement (II) is true
- C. Both the statements are true
- D. Both the statements are false

Answer: A

Solution:

$$3x + 8 < 17 \Rightarrow 3x < 9 \Rightarrow x < 3$$

$$2x + 8 \geq 12 \Rightarrow 2x \geq 4 \Rightarrow x \geq 2$$

Statement I is correct.

The common set of solution $\Rightarrow \{2\}$

→ Statement II is false

Question5

Two finite sets have m and n elements respectively. The total number of subsets of the first set is 56 more than the total number of subsets of the second set. The values of m and n , respectively are

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Options:

A. 7, 6

B. 5, 1

C. 6, 3

D. 8, 7

Answer: C

Solution:

Let set A have m elements and set B have n elements

Now,

$$2^m - 2^n = 56$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^n (2^{m-n} - 1) = 8 \times 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^n (2^{m-n} - 1) = 2^3 \times 7$$

On comparing both sides, we get

$$2^n = 2^3 \text{ or } 2^{m-n} - 1 = 7$$

$$\text{Now, } n = 3 \quad \dots \text{ (i)}$$

$$\text{So, } 2^{m-n} - 1 = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{m-n} = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow m - n = 3 \quad \dots \text{ (ii)}$$

From Eqs. (i) and (ii), we get

$$m = 6 \text{ and } n = 3$$

Question6

Let $A = \{2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, 16, 17, 18\}$. Let R be the relation on the set A of ordered pairs of positive integers defined by $(a, b)R(c, d)$ if and only if $ad = bc$ for all



$(a, b), (c, d)$ in $A \times A$. Then, the number of ordered pairs of the equivalence class of $(3, 2)$ is

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Options:

- A. 4
- B. 5
- C. 6
- D. 7

Answer: C

Solution:

Let $(3, 2)R(x, y)$

$$\Rightarrow 3y = 2x$$

This is possible in the cases

$$x = 3, y = 2$$

$$x = 6, y = 4$$

$$x = 9, y = 6$$

$$x = 12, y = 8$$

$$x = 15, y = 10$$

$$x = 18, y = 12$$

Hence, total pairs are 6.

Question 7

Which of the following is an empty set?

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Options:

- A. $\{x : x^2 + 1 = 0, x \in R\}$
- B. $\{x : x^2 - 9 = 0, x \in R\}$
- C. $\{x : x^2 = x + 2, x \in R\}$
- D. $\{x : x^2 - 1 = 0, x \in R\}$

Answer: A



Solution:

Here, $x^2 + 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm i$$

It x is an imaginary number.

Hence, $\{x : x \text{ is a real number and } x^2 + 1 = 0\}$ is an empty set

Question8

Let the relation R be defined in N by aRb , if $3a + 2b = 27$, then R is

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Options:

A. $\{(0, \frac{27}{2}), (1, 12), (3, 9), (5, 6), (7, 3)\}$

B. $\{(1, 12), (3, 9), (5, 6), (7, 3), (9, 0)\}$

C. $\{(2, 1), (9, 3), (6, 5), (3, 7)\}$

D. $\{(1, 12), (3, 9), (5, 6), (7, 3)\}$

Answer: D

Solution:

Given that $3a + 2b = 27$

$$\Rightarrow 2b = 27 - 3a$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \frac{27 - 3a}{2}$$

For $a = 1, b = 12$

$$a = 3, b = 9$$

$$a = 5, b = 6$$

$$a = 7, b = 3$$

$$R = \{(1, 12), (3, 9), (5, 6), (7, 3)\}$$



Question9

Suppose that the number of elements in set A is p , the number of elements in set B is q and the number of elements in $A \times B$ is 7, then $p^2 + q^2 =$

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Options:

- A. 50
- B. 51
- C. 42
- D. 49

Answer: A

Solution:

Given, $n(A) = p, n(B) = q$ and $(A \times B) = 7$

Since, $n(A \times B) = n(A) \times n(B)$

$$\Rightarrow 7 = p \times q \Rightarrow pq = 7$$

So, possible values of p and q are 7, 1 respectively.

$$\Rightarrow p^2 + q^2 = 7^2 + 1^2 = 49 + 1 = 50$$

Question10

Let the relation R is defined in N by aRb , if $3a + 2b = 27$ then R is

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Options:

- A. $\{(1, 12)(3, 9)(5, 6)(7, 3)\}$
- B. $\{(0, \frac{27}{2})(1, 12)(3, 9)(5, 6)(7, 3)\}$
- C. $\{(1, 12)(3, 9)(5, 6)(7, 3)(9, 0)\}$
- D. $\{(2, 1)(9, 3)(6, 5)(3, 7)\}$

Answer: A

Solution:



$$3a + 2b = 27$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \frac{27 - 3a}{2}$$

$$a = 1 \Rightarrow b = \frac{27 - 3}{2} = \frac{24}{2} = 12$$

$$a = 3 \Rightarrow b = \frac{27 - 9}{2} = \frac{18}{2} = 9$$

$$a = 5 \Rightarrow b = \frac{27 - 15}{2} = \frac{12}{2} = 6$$

$$a = 7 \Rightarrow b = \frac{27 - 21}{2} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

Hence, we can see that the elements of option (a) satisfies the given relation. Hence, option (a) is correct.

Question 11

In a certain town 65% families own cell phones, 15000 families own scooter and 15% families own both. Taking into consideration that the families own at least one of the two, the total number of families in the town is

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Options:

- A. 20000
- B. 30000
- C. 40000
- D. 50000

Answer: B

Solution:

Let the total number of families be x .

Let A = number of families that own cell phones

$$n(A) = \frac{65}{100} \times x$$

Let B = number of families that own scooter

$$n(B) = 15000$$

and $(A \cap B)$ = number of families that own cell phones and scooter both

$$n(A \cap B) = \frac{15}{100} \times x$$

Here, $n(A \cup B) = x$

$$n(A \cup B) = n(A) + n(B) - n(A \cap B)$$

$$x = \frac{65x}{100} + 15000 - \frac{15x}{100}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow & 100x = 65x + 1500000 - 15x \\ \Rightarrow & 100x - 50x = 1500000 \\ \Rightarrow & 50x = 1500000 \\ \Rightarrow & x = 30000\end{aligned}$$

Total number of families in the town is 30000.

Question12

If $n(A) = 2$ and total number of possible relations from Set A to set B is 1024, then $n(B)$ is

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Options:

- A. 512
- B. 20
- C. 10
- D. 5

Answer: D

Solution:

Given, $n(A) = 2$ let $n(B) = n$

Total number of relations from set A to set B is

$$2^{2n} = 1024$$

$$2^{2n} = 2^{10} \Rightarrow 2n = 10 \Rightarrow n = 5$$

Question13

If $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$, then the number of subsets of A which contain at least two elements is

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Options:

- A. 64
- B. 63



C. 57

D. 58

Answer: C

Solution:

Given set $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

Number of subsets of A which contain at least two elements is ${}^6C_2 + {}^6C_3 + {}^6C_4 + {}^6C_5 + {}^6C_6$
 $= 2^6 - {}^6C_0 - {}^6C_1 = 64 - 1 - 6 = 57$

Question14

If a relation R on the set $\{1, 2, 3\}$ be defined by $R = \{(1, 1)\}$, then R is

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Options:

A. Reflexive and symmetric

B. Reflexive and transitive

C. Symmetric and transitive

D. Only symmetric

Answer: C

Solution:

Let

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$R = \{(1, 1)\}$$

$\{2, 2\} \notin R$, R is not reflexive but R is symmetric and transitive.

Question15

If $A = \{a, b, c\}$, then the number of binary operations on A is

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Options:



- A. 3
- B. 3^6
- C. 3^3
- D. 3^9

Answer: D

Solution:

We have,

$$A = \{a, b, c\}$$

The number of binary operations on A is $3^{3^2} = 3^9$

Question 16

If $A = \{x \mid x \in N, x \leq 5\}$, $B = \{x \mid x \in Z, x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0\}$, then the number of onto functions from A to B is

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Options:

- A. 30
- B. 2
- C. 32
- D. 23

Answer: A

Solution:

$$\text{Given, } A = \{x \mid x \in N, x \leq 5\}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$\text{and } B = \{x \mid x \in Z, x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \{2, 3\}$$

\therefore Number of onto function from A to B is

$$2^5 - 2 = 32 - 2 = 30$$

Question17

On the set of positive rational, a binary operation $*$ is defined by $a * b = \frac{2ab}{5}$. If $2 * x = 3^{-1}$, then $x =$

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Options:

- A. $\frac{2}{5}$
- B. $\frac{1}{6}$
- C. $\frac{125}{48}$
- D. $\frac{5}{12}$

Answer: C

Solution:

A binary operation $*$ is defined by $a * b = \frac{2ab}{5}$

$$\text{Now, } a * e = \frac{2ae}{5} = a \Rightarrow e = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\therefore a * a^{-1} = e$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2aa^{-1}}{5} = \frac{5}{2} \Rightarrow a^{-1} = \frac{25}{4a}$$

$$\therefore 3^{-1} = \frac{25}{4 \times 3} = \frac{25}{12} \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\text{Since, } 2 * x = 3^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2 \times 2 \times x}{5} = \frac{25}{12} \quad (\text{using (i)})$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{125}{48}$$

Question18

If U is the universal set with 100 elements; A and B are two set such that $n(A) = 50, n(B) = 60, n(A \cap B) = 20$ then $n(A' \cap B') =$

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Options:

- A. 90
- B. 40
- C. 10



D. 20

Answer: C

Solution:

Key Idea, use Identity $n(A \cup B) = n(A) + n(B) - n(A \cap B)$ and find $n(A \cap B)$, after then use $n(A' \cap B') = n((A \cup B)')$

We have, $n(U) = 100, n(A) = 50, n(B) = 60$ and $n(A \cap B) = 20$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } n(A \cup B) &= n(A) + n(B) - n(A \cap B) \\ &= 50 + 60 - 20 = 90 \\ \therefore n(A' \cap B') &= n((A \cup B)') = n(u) - n(A \cup B) \\ &= 100 - 90 = 10 \end{aligned}$$

Question 19

If A and B are finites sets and $A \subset B$, then

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Options:

A. $n(A \cup B) = n(B)$

B. $n(A \cap B) = \phi$

C. $n(A \cap B) = n(B)$

D. $n(A \cup B) = n(A)$

Answer: A

Solution:

We have, $A \subset B$

$$\therefore A \cap B = A \Rightarrow n(A \cap B) = n(A) \quad \dots (i)$$

Again, we know that

$$\begin{aligned} n(A \cup B) &= n(A) + n(B) - n(A \cap B) \\ \Rightarrow n(A \cup B) &= n(A) + n(B) - n(A) \quad [\text{from Eq. (i)}] \\ \Rightarrow n(A \cup B) &= n(B) \end{aligned}$$

